



Federal Forest Working Group

Thursday, December 4

12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

**Meyer Conference Room
7th Floor, 506 SW Mill Street
Portland, OR 97201**

Map link and Parking info:

<http://orsolutions.org/about/contact-us>

Conference Call-in Number: 1 888 585 9008

Participant ('Room') Code: 322 674 124

Work Session Purpose: *To review implementation of the state's Dry-side Federal Forest Health Program to date, continue dialogue about a 2015-17 program.*

AGENDA

12:00 Welcome & Agenda Overview *Brett Brownscombe, Convener*

12:05 Introductions (including those on the phone)

12:15 2015-17 Overview of Governor's Recommended Budget

Brett Brownscombe, Governor's Office

- ODF Federal Forest
- Economic Development components
- ODF Biomass Package
- Discussion

1:00 Status of Accelerated Restoration

- \$2.88 implementation and summary of Oct. 22 Legislative field tour – *Chad Davis, ODF*
- USFS Accelerated Restoration Strategy and update from Blue Mountains ID team – *Tracy Beck & Bill Aney, USFS*
- Discussion

1:30 Next Steps including:

- Oregon Leadership Summit: Forest sector policy - *Paul Barnum, OFRI*
- Oregon Legislative Process: "architecture" of the session – *Amanda Rich, TNC*

1:45 FFWG Purpose and Vision; 2015 Work plan

- Review, Discuss and Adopt Final Draft Recommendations of FFWG Purpose & Vision (*see below*)
- Brainstorm future work session topics to identify work plan items for the FFWG in 2015
 - January work session topics to consider, (1/29 at 9:00 a.m., Portland location)
 - Governor's Recommended Budget – discussion of Federal Forest program and related efforts
 - \$2.88 Program Monitoring – *Dr. Cass Moseley, U of O Ecosystem Workforce Program*
 - Metrics Dashboard
 - Future topic(s): Research project on collaboratives; statewide survey in the winter - *Dr. EJ Davis, OSU*
 - Identify future work sessions dates, including meeting frequency

2:30 Additional updates for consideration at future work sessions; Wrap up

3:00 Adjourn

Federal Forest Working Group Purpose & Vision Statement

September 2014 Final Draft Revisions

“The purposes of the FFWG are to:

- Advance collaboratively driven landscape-scale, active restoration of federal forest lands;
- Identify and remove policy and financial barriers; and
- Promote innovative policy and financial solutions to restoration of forest and watershed health.

We will:

- Provide a forum for collaborative groups, federal and state agencies, counties, tribes, and interest groups to raise and solve barriers to accelerated restoration on federal lands (Forest Service and BLM);
- Support and contribute to maintaining and growing our innovative Federal-State Partnership that demonstrates new governance structures and ways of doing business together;
- Identify and test new governance structures that provide for meaningful involvement of community and collaborative leadership;
- Articulate the need for a consistent supply of timber offered through restoration and forest management that is collaboratively supported; and,
- Work together to identify and secure increased, consistent, and/or diverse funding of collaborative approaches and implementation of landscape scale restoration projects.

These activities will restore forests, help sustain communities by creating jobs and maintaining forest-sector infrastructure, and enhance Oregon's energy independence. The IWG will initially focus on the dry, fire-prone forests found east of the Cascades and in the southern interior of Oregon.”

Stakeholders regularly participating with the [Federal Forest Working Group](#) include (in no particular order):

- Governor's Office¹
- Regional Solutions Teams¹
- Oregon Department of Forestry¹
- US Forest Service¹
- Bureau of Land Management¹
- Oregon Forest Resources Institute¹
- Sustainable Northwest¹
- The Nature Conservancy *¹
- Oregon Business Council¹
- Association of Oregon Counties *¹
- PSU, Policy Consensus Center & Oregon Solutions¹
- [Local forest health collaboratives - coordinators and representatives](#)
- Office of US Senator Merkley
- Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
- Ochoco Lumber
- American Forest Resources Council
- University of Oregon Ecosystem Workforce Program
- Ecotrust
- Oregon Forest Industries Council
- Boise Cascade
- Oregon State University, Forestry Extension

Additional stakeholders include:

- Coquille Indian Tribe *
- Crag Law Center *¹
- Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife¹
- Oregon Department of Environmental Quality¹
- Defenders of Wildlife
- Office of US Senator Wyden
- Office of US Rep Schrader
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- US Environmental Protection Agency
- USDA Rural Development
- Pacific Rivers Council
- Oregon Business Association
- Western Environmental Law Center
- Oregon Department of Energy
- Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association
- National Forest Foundation
- USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service
- National Environmental Fuels Association
- Iron Triangle LLC
- Integrated Resource Management
- USFS Pacific Northwest Research Station

* Oregon Board of Forestry's [Federal Forestlands Advisory Committee](#) – original members.

¹ Signatories on the original [Federal Forest Advisory Committee – Ad hoc Implementation Work Group Declaration of Cooperation](#)